

REMARKS

In the October 19, 2007 Office Action, the Examiner allowed claims 1-14, 16 and 17. Claim 15 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Satake et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,096,455). Applicants disagree with Examiner's position. However, Applicants have cancelled claim 15 without prejudice to moot this rejection.

CONCLUSION

In view of the above amendment, applicant believes the pending application is in condition for allowance.

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